Arrest of Hawala Dealers in Delhi

†56. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Hawala Dealers have been arrested in Delhi and other parts of the country during the last three months;

(b) if so, the number thereof and whether any action has been taken against them so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) One Hawala dealer has been arrested at Mumbai for contravention of Section 8, 9 and 18 of FERA, 1973 read with Sections 49(3) and 49(4) of FEMA, 1999.

Smuggling operations at Airports

57. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Foreign currency seized" dated 26th January, 2002 appearing in the "The Hindu" according to which new modes of smuggling operations are being evolved by the international smugglers at Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the steps taken for the prevention of such mode of smuggling; and

(c) the details of the steps taken for prevention of such cases on various domestic and International Airports after September 11, and December 13, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

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